

**MINUTES OF AN REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Endo-Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Frangos, Korman, Miranda, and Chairperson Bunting.

Absent: Commissioner Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport, Community Services Director Jones, Senior Business Manager Minter, Recreation Services Manager Brunette, and Senior Analyst Orpe.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to grant Commissioner Rische an excused absence for the October 15, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved for the approval of the September 17, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Richard Whitehorse, President of Arts Council of Torrance, reported that the Arts Council is busy with its mission to promote student arts. He stated his intention to promote the group at the Birthday Bash at Wilson Park on October 28. He announced the quarterly membership meeting at Sizzler Restaurant on Sepulveda Boulevard on November 10 and student art competition in late January or early February 2013. He

discussed plans for a Family Arts Festival at Ken Miller Recreation Center on April 28, 2013 when student art awards will be presented.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EVENT

Commissioners and staff discussed the October 7 Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony at Toyota Meeting Hall. Commissioners offered positive comments about the ceremony as well as suggestions for improvement for next year's event. Manager Rappoport commended Gia Inferrera for a job well done and expressed hope that she can produce it again next year.

7B. REVIEW OF ENTERPRISE FUND SUBSIDY LEVELS WITHIN THE COST RECOVERY-SUBSIDY PLAN FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Services Director Jones introduced Senior Business Manager Minter, Recreation Services Manager Brunette, and Senior Analyst Orpe. He noted that the purpose of the item was to set the stage for the November 14, 2012 joint meeting of the Cultural Arts and Park & Recreation Commissions. He indicated that the Commissioners would have 30 days before that meeting to read through the Subsidy Plan, try to understand it, formulate any questions, and think about what they believe should be funded by the City for services provided to the community.

He provided background on the Philosophy Statement adopted by the Commissions, the 1993 Subsidy Plan, development of the 2012 Cost Recovery/Subsidy Plan, and request by the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee that relevant Commissions be given the opportunity to provide input on suggested subsidy levels. He stated that staff is also meeting with the Youth Council and Commission on Aging and that recommendations would go back to the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee for consideration.

Chairperson Bunting received clarification from staff that there are no more reduction goals to obtain at this point.

Responding to Commissioner Candiotti's inquiry about the City's economic forecast, Director Jones stated that it looks promising but it is too early to tell.

7C. WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE – APPROVAL OF ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR PHASES I AND II

Manager Rappoport reported that the Facilities Committee met with staff on October 15 to review drawings of the amphitheatre provided by Land Concern. She discussed concerns raised that include the canopies, panels not in the budget, light towers, and shrubbery. She stated that the Committee recommended that professional theater staff review the renderings, that questions be directed to Land Concern, and to not move forward with the project until more information is received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. CANCEL REGULAR CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING OF 11/19/12

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to cancel the regularly scheduled Cultural Arts Commission meeting of November 19, 2012 and to adjourn this meeting to November 14, 2012 for a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Rische).

8B. WORKS IN PROGRESS REPORT

John Powers, consultant and producer/director for the Works in Progress series, noted that his report was included in agenda materials. He stated that the five presentations of the series "Visionaries" were very successful in terms of ticket sales, audience participation, support of local businesses, CitiCABLE, media attention, and community partners. He noted that Works in Progress is not funded next year but expressed hope that the program would be brought back as a volunteer effort.

Responding to Commissioner Candioly's inquiry, he attributed the net gain in revenue this year primarily to reduced labor costs. He expressed his appreciation to Torrance Historical Society for offering rehearsal space in their facility.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Previously discussed in Item 7C.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for September 2012 was included in agenda packets. She reported that she attended the grand opening of the South Bay Entrepreneur Center and distributed their brochure.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Frangos stated that she enjoyed the Sweetwater Reunion Concert on September 22.

11B. Commissioner Miranda announced that his wife is performing in "Flipzoids" at Los Angeles Theatre Company.

11C. Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Korman expressed their gratitude for the Proclamation recognizing October 2012 as National Arts and Humanities Month.

11D. Commissioner Korman stated that she has attended several cultural events that include "Capitol Steps" and Dala.

11E. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed volunteering with Torrance Theatre Company during "The Complete History of America (Abridged)."

11F. Chairperson Bunting stated that she attended a film at LACMA about clocks, the Regen Projects opening in Hollywood, and the opening of "The Subterraneans" at Torrance Art Museum, all on September 22. She also had the opportunity to go to the Art Center this week.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:55 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall for a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Bunting so ordered.

Approved as Submitted November 14, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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